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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC Pardubice Airfield

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EVALUATION 25X1C PLACE OBTAINED 25X1C

DATE OF CONTENT 1948 to June 1951

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REMARKS

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1. The Pardubice airfield located southwest of Pardubice (O 51/11 79) and southeast of Popkovice (O 51/11 78) had no runway. The approach road to the field branched off from the Pardubice-Popkovice road. Installations in the northern section of the field included a large wooden hangar which had been enlarged in 1948; in front of this hangar were a concrete dispersal area 120 x 600 meters, a three-story and a four-story flight control building, a two-story billeting building about 15 x 40 meters, a hangar which has been under construction since March 1951 and a small guardhouse.

2. North of the field on the north side of Pardubice-Popkovice road, there was an air force barracks installation consisting of many buildings most of which were three-storied. The air force soldiers wore blue uniforms with golden-bordered light blue epaulets. They wore a chevron on the left sleeve. Members of an air force academy are allegedly stationed there. A friend of source stated that the academy has been located in Pardubice since January 1951.

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3. In June 1951, 56 Spitfires and 8 Messerschmidts were parked in front of the hangar at the dispersal area. In 1951, only individual flights were made in good weather but night flights were also made. Lighting facilities were available at the field. Staff Captain Sneider or Schneider (fnu) who repeatedly practiced aerobatics was well known at the field. All the aircraft at the field had the Czech national emblem. *

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25X1A* Comment. The report shows that up to June 1951 no large scale expansion was made at Pardubice airfield and that no runway was available. In connection with previous reports it is believed that four hangars are available at the field, including the hangar under construction in the north-western corner of the landing field. It is believed that a class of the military pilot academy is stationed at the field. However, the number of aircraft appears too high for an academy. It is doubted that the aircraft observed were Spitfires. Staff Captain Sneider is reported for the first time.

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